Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 23 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 22 Mar 2021 at 16:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high, main uncertainties focused on cloud heights and extent of any cloud breaks. Some brief periods of more persistent rain and snow likely on Thursday and Friday, but timings highly uncertain at present.

Headline for Tuesday 23 Mar 2021: Cold with low cloud and severe gales across the summits. Rain early evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 23 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Dull	Dull	Heavy Rain	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	20%	10%	10%	10%	70%	10%

Forecast for Tuesday 23 Mar 2021

Weather: Mostly dull through the early hours and much of the day with low cloud, some patchy light drizzle at times. Thickening cloud late afternoon with rain spreading east around dusk. Clear spells developing in the evening, but a few wintery showers overnight, mainly in the west.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20-30%. 80% in the evening.

Visibility: Good or very good at low levels outside of cloud. However, cloud frequent or persistent above 600-800m. Cloud mostly clearing in the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	33/40 SW	34/43 SW	36/45 S	36/46 S	44/57 S	49/62 S	52/67 SW	41/53 SW	39/50 SW
900	25/33 SW	27/35 SW	28/36 SW	26/34 S	31/42 S	34/47 SW	38/53 SW	30/42 SW	28/39 SW
600	30/36 SW	32/40 SW	35/44 SW	35/44 S	40/50 S	43/55 S	46/59 SW	35/47 SW	32/43 SW
300	12/17 SW	15/23 SW	17/26 S	19/29 S	22/33 S	24/35 S	25/39 SW	19/30 SW	16/26 SW
Glen	6/16 SW	9/21 SW	11/24 SW	14/27 SW	14/28 SW	17/33 S	19/36 SW	14/30 SW	12/26 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	0/-8	-0/-9	-1/-10	-2/-11	-2/-11	-1/-11	-0/-10	-2/-12	-4/-14
900	2/-4	2/-5	2/-6	1/-6	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	0/-8	-1/-9
600	4/-2	4/-3	4/-3	4/-2	4/-3	5/-2	4/-3	3/-5	2/-6
300	6/3	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/2	7/2	6/1	5/0	4/-1
Glen	8/6	8/5	8/5	8/5	9/5	10/6	8/4	7/3	6/2
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1200m	1200m	800m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very gusty conditions likely, especially on summits, high ridges and to the north of high ground.

Forecast for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021
Weather: Clear spells and a few wintery showers early hours. Patchy cloud builds through the morning bringing scattered showers, falling as snow above 500-600m. Showers heavy and frequent from around midday, with a slight risk of thunder. Showers mostly die out early evening, but remaining cloudy, a slight chance of rain, snow above 800-900m, spreading north late evening.

Maximum wind: Southwest 25 mph, gusting 35-40 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%.

Visibility: Very good air clarity outside of any low cloud and showers. However, frequent, often continuous cloud above 600-800m in the west, more broken cloud above 800-900m in the east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero Celsius rising to plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m rising to 1000m after dark.

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